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ISP Procedure Code for Humane Slaughter

This notice re-issues the Humane Slaughter, Inspection System Procedure (ISP) Code 04C02 (Attachment 1) that was issued in FSIS Notice 43-01 dated 10/11/01. The information in Attachment 1 is to be used by inspection program personnel in cattle, sheep, swine, and equine establishments.

Upon receipt of this notice, the Attachment should be incorporated in with the other ISP code procedures.

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Attachment 1

04C02	The establishment meets the criteria set forth in the regulations to ensure the humane handling and slaughter of livestock. Action is taken when either the establishment or FSIS determines that the regulatory requirements have not been met.	Part 313 500.1, 500.2, and 500.3 FSIS Dir. 6900.1	<p>Observe livestock pens, driveways and ramps for conditions that could cause injury or pain to animals.</p> <p>To verify compliance, when applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe handling of livestock. • Observe disabled animals and those unable to move. • Verify that animals have access to water in all holding pens and, if held longer than 24 hours, access to feed. • Observe stunning methods. • Verify establishment's corrective action when an inhumane handling and slaughter situation occurs. <p>Make determination about compliance with regulatory requirements.</p> <p>Document failure(s) to comply with regulatory requirements on NR and (when appropriate) take other action consistent with applicable directive(s).</p>
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